

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 825  
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Thelma Metzger on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Alpha Primary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Metzger is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metzger was recently selected by her colleagues as Teacher of the Year at Alpha Primary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metzger received Bachelor of Science degrees in Elementary Education and Special Education from Oral Roberts University and completed additional course work at the Florissant Valley campus of Saint Louis Community College and at Cumberland University; and

WHEREAS, a classroom veteran with twelve years of teaching experience, Thelma Metzger has served with acumen and alacrity as a first grade teacher for eight exemplary years; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the faculty, Ms. Metzger has made Literacy Center and Discovery Zone presentations to the students of Alpha Primary; and

WHEREAS, through her endeavors, Ms. Metzger has received numerous accolades, including the 2002 Veterans of Foreign Wars Hamblen County Award; and

WHEREAS, with a desire that drives her to teach far more than the core curriculum, Ms. Metzger instills a sense of community in her students; her class readily supports the Daily Bread Community Kitchen with a food drive called "Thankful Thursday"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving with the school's Keep America Beautiful program, Ms. Metzger lends her time and talents to the AYSO soccer league, the Jefferson City swim team, and supports Tennessee wildlife; and

WHEREAS, a devout member of First Baptist Church, Ms. Metzger enjoys lifting her voice in praise of the Lord with the church choir; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metzger is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Dale Lynch, Director of Schools for Hamblen County, "To be recognized as building level Teacher of the Year by one's colleagues is one of the most prestigious honors one can receive," and Ms. Metzger is certainly most deserving of such an accolade; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Metzger truly serves as an inspiration to her students and colleagues alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Thelma Metzger truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Thelma Metzger on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Alpha Primary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.